

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 702  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Claude Ervin upon  
receiving the Bellevue University Alumni  
Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Claude Ervin, who will receive the Bellevue University Alumni Achievement Award on June 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Alumni Achievement Award is Bellevue University's highest honor for alumni. The award recognizes the honoree's generous and selfless giving of time, effort, and talent to Bellevue University, active participation in community service and volunteer organizations, and attaining distinction and success in the honoree's field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology with distinction from Bellevue University in 1970, Claude Ervin later graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a Master's in Education; and

WHEREAS, Claude Ervin served with acumen and alacrity as a human resource manager for many years in the United States Air Force and with Baylor University, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, retiring as a Captain in the U. S. Air Force after 22 years of meritorious service, Claude Ervin served, throughout his career, to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, during his second career, Mr. Ervin spent another twenty-plus years at Baylor University rising through the ranks before eventually retiring as Associate Vice President of Human Resources in 2002; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Mr. Ervin is an active member of the Rotary Club, the Waco Masonic Lodge #92 AF&AM, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the National Sojourners, the Royal Order of Scotland, the White Rock Masonic Lodge #347 AF&AM, and Order of the Eastern Star; he also volunteers and works with the Waco Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's Camp Success, which is a special summer camp benefiting children with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, active in many professional and civic organizations, Claude Ervin has committed a considerable amount of his time and energy to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Central Texas, the Baylor University Employees Credit Union, Heart of Texas Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Managers, Central Texas Senior Ministries, and the Baylor University Bear Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and devout Christian, Claude Ervin is a member of the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected citizen of the Waco community, Claude Ervin is the very epitome of a good neighbor, as he always endeavors to treat others as he would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Claude Ervin is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ervin is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Martha; their marriage has been blessed with two daughters; and

WHEREAS, born in Ripley, Claude Ervin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true native Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as public servants of the highest order; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Claude Ervin on being honored as the recipient of  
the Bellevue University Alumni Achievement Award, salute his meritorious service to both his  
alma mater and to Baylor University, and extend to him our best wishes for every future  
success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.